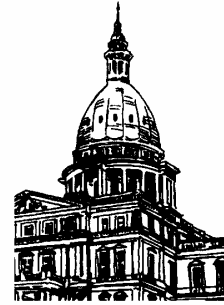


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STATEMENT OBSERVING THE DEATH OF CORETTA SCOTT KING

“Today, we lost the First Lady of the civil rights movement. Mrs. Coretta Scott King was the helpmate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and was a strong supporter of all who believed in equal rights and equal treatment.

Mrs. King was a true hero who deeply cared for America’s present as well as its future. I fondly remember her traveling to Detroit to be the keynote speaker at the Detroit Public Schools Superintendent’s Excellence Awards in 1997 for students who achieved a 3.5 G.P.A. or higher.

I was awed by her aura. The strength and nobility that emanated from her filled the room and everyone in her presence was lifted on her wings of inspiration.

Mrs. King was truly a living example of refined womanhood. I will always remember her grace, integrity, and dedication.”

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